

GIGI: "ASHLEY UNDERESTIMATED ME!"

The *Survivor SA* champ chatted to heat about her surprise victory, her old naked pictures, and what strip clubs are really like...

THE BEST THING ABOUT *CELEBRITY Survivor SA*, besides Izak Davel's red Speedo, is the fact that we got to see the celebrity contestants' true colours in the harsh environment. If you told us six months ago that former strip queen Gigi would beat the sweet and caring former M-Net presenter, Ashley Hayden, we'd most probably have thought you were on drugs. But over the weeks, all that changed and it was hard not to fall for Gigi's down-to-earth charm. So when Ashley backstabbed just about every other contestant on the show, up stepped the Lollipop Lounge legend, whose bubbly personality raked in the votes. And Gigi's mission on *Survivor* was a simple one: "I want to prove to SA that our showgirls are the strongest," she revealed. And it seems she was right!

So, congratulations on your *Survivor* win!

What are you doing with the prize money? Nothing's changed since the final episode... I'm still doing renovations at the Lollipop Lounge, adding new dressing rooms for the girls as well as female toilets... I don't like the unisex ones we've got, so they're going. And it's all got to happen before the World Cup, so things are pretty hectic!

Have you had any long-lost family appear in the hopes of getting a handout?

No, not at all. Well, nobody has asked me directly yet, so we'll have to wait and see. But the prize money is going into the business anyway.

Do you think Ashley thought she'd won?

Yes, of course! She was totally prepared to win, and that's what made my victory so sweet. After all, she's the perfect media personality, so it was difficult. My strong point is that if you give me a stage, I will entertain you. In the end, she completely underestimated me. And although she won the public vote, it was also a very close call on that one... I don't think she

realised exactly how many people were supporting me.

Do you still perform as an exotic dancer?

I don't really dance anymore, but I did perform in a show called *Nipple Caps And G-Strings* a while ago. I sometimes host bachelor parties and Lola Montez functions where I give lap-dance lessons, but that's about it these days.

If the heat girls all came to Lollipop Lounge, would you give us a lesson?

Yes, of course! I bet you're all young and open-minded, so you'll be the perfect candidates!

We think you've got the most amazing body - is that purely thanks to the dancing?

Perhaps the dancing back in the day, but not anymore. These days I try to train three times a week at gym. But I lost quite a lot of weight on the island, though. Try eating spinach and steamed fish for 27 days and 27 nights, and I promise you that you'll also lose weight.



AND THE WINNER IS...
She outwitted, outplayed and outlasted everyone, and looked good doing it!



What goes through your mind when you see these old nekkid pictures of yourself?

I absolutely love them! They're stunning! My face has changed with age, but I think my body's still in good condition. [Laughs.]

When last did you do the full monty?

About two years ago, while I was still doing *Nipple Caps And G-Strings*. I was completely nude in the final scene. And, of course, for my hubby now and then if he's lucky! My life is just very different these days. I'm either in the club or in the office.

Do you get lots of celeb clients visiting at Lollipop Lounge?

Yes, quite a lot, actually. Although we do try and protect their privacy. The girls don't make a fuss, no matter who you are. We just try to make them feel as welcome and comfortable as possible.

Who's one of your favourite people you've personally performed for?

I danced for Dali Tambo at his birthday a few years ago, which was quite fun!

How would you describe a strip club to someone who hasn't ever been?